**Town of Knox Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Notes 7:30 PM May 19, 2022**

Attending: Eric Marczak, Brigitte McAuliffe, Amy Pokorny, Nelson Kent and Peter Farquharson

Housekeeping

* Town Clerk Traci Schanz swore in Eric Marczak as chair of the Conservation Advisory Council and she swore in Nelson Kent, Brigitte McAuliffe and Amy Pokorny as Conservation Advisory Council members.
  + Remaining member Shawn McAuliffe was not available due to a work schedule conflict and will be sworn in at a later date.
* Amy will send website updates to Traci
  + Names of CAC members, ad for junior members, description of what the CAC does
* Eric recommends we take the online Conservation and Land Use 101 training at

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/120539.html>

* Amy distributed draft notes from the meetings of March 19 and April 21. Members will review them for changes and approval at our meeting on June 16.
* Discussed the CAC’s obligations to the open meetings law and how communications between meetings should be conducted.
* CAC reports have to be filed with NYS DEC.
* Land Use Leadership (LULA) resources are useful to the CAC .

Discussion

* Knox doesn’t have the pollution and land conservation problems that are found in urban communities, and we can avoid them with careful planning.
  + Interconnectedness of the effects of pollution as it is carried by air flows and ocean currents, ...
* Amy will email pieces of the 2013-18 comprehensive plan update material that are relevant to the CAC. It does not address renewable energy and other technology advances.

Project ideas

* We need to do an Open Space Inventory (both public and privately owned land)
  + Eric will look into requirements for creating a natural resources inventory
  + The Knox Habitat Summary prepared by Ingrid Haeckel should be filed with NYS DEC
  + Nelson will look at the mapping resources DEC offers
  + Peter will see what resources Thacher Park has for maps, historical, archaeological, geological, etc. information
  + Eric will reach out to Tom Porter’s Mohawk community about important archaeological information
* Knox Town Board member Dennis Cyr has expressed interest in restoring the boardwalk. He has had some preliminary discussions with NYS DEC and/or DOT about constructing a parking area off Street Road to accommodate a few cars and/or a school bus to improve access.
  + CAC will meet at 5 PM on Tuesday, May 24 at the wetlands boardwalk to familiarize ourselves with its condition.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 PM